



FY2009 FULBRIGHT JUNIOR STAFF DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (JSD)

THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN NOUAKCHOTT IS HOLDING AN OPEN COMPETITION TO NOMINATE QUALIFIED MAURITANIAN STUDENTS FOR THE 2009 FULBRIGHT JUNIOR STAFF DEVELOPEMNT PROGRAM (JSD). INTERESTED CANDIDATES ARE INVITED TO SUBMIT THEIR APPLICATION ON-LINE FOR PARTICIPATION IN THIS REGIONALLY-FUNDED PROGRAM. CANDIDATES SELECTED FOR DEGREE STUDY WILL BE FUNDED FOR A MAXIMUM OF 2 YEARS. ALL AWARDS ARE CONTINGENT UPON APPROVAL BY THE J.WILLIAM FULBRIGHT SCHOLARSHIP BOARD (FSB), AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS AND SUCCESSFUL ACADEMIC PLACEMENT.

THE JSD IS THE LARGEST FULBRIGHT PROGRAM WITH AFRICA, DESIGNED PRIMARILY TO STRENGTHEN AFRICAN UNIVERSITIES THROUGH HIGHER DEGREE TRAINING. RECENT GRADUATES AS WELL AS WOMEN AND THOSE FROM UNDER- SERVED POPULATIONS ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY.

BECAUSE ONE OBJECTIVE OF THE FULBRIGHT PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE A U.S. EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE EXPERIENCE TO THOSE NOT PREVIOUSLY AFFORDED SUCH AN OPPORTUNITY, PREFERENCE WILL BE GIVEN TO THOSE WHO HAVE NOT HAD EXTENSIVE RECENT EXPERIENCE IN THE U.S.

THE FULBRIGHT ONLINE APPLICATION MUST BE COMPLETED ONLINE AT <https://apply.embark.com/student/fulbright/international>. IT IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED THAT ALL CANDIDATES COMPLETE THE ON-LINE APPLICATIONS AND SUBMIT ALL THEIR SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS TO THE PUBLIC AFFAIRS ASSISTANT FOR CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGES. THE DATELINE FOR SUBMISSION OF THE ON-LINE APPLICATION AND RECEIPT OF COMPLETE DOSSIERS IS May 29, 2008 AT 11:00 AM

I. SELECTION CRITERIA

A. APPLICANTS MUST BE CITIZENS OR NATIONALS OF MAURITANIA.

B. APPLICANTS SHOULD HAVE AT LEAST THE EQUIVALENT OF 4 YEARS OF UNIVERSITY STUDY OR THE EQUIVALENT OF A U.S. BACHELOR'S DEGREE.

C. APPLICANTS SHOULD HAVE A SUFFICIENT LEVEL OF ENGLISH PROFICIENCY TO ENABLE THEM TO REALISTICALLY ACCOMPLISH FULL-TIME GRADUATE LEVEL STUDY IN THE U.S.

D. APPLICANTS MUST MEET THE MINIMUM SCORE ON REQUIRED STANDARDIZED TESTS.

- THE TOEFL IS REQUIRED OF ALL APPLICANTS. SATISFACTORY TEST RESULTS FOR THE TOEFL IS USUALLY 550/600 ON PAPER-BASED TEST OR 80/100 ON IBT FOR MASTER'S CANDIDATES, 600 ON PAPER BASED TEST OR 100 ON IBT FOR PH.D. CANDIDATES;
-THE GRE IS REQUIRED FOR THOSE SEEKING ADMISSION IN ALL FIELDS EXCEPT LAW AND BUSINESS. A SCORE OF AT LEAST 1000 ON THE COMBINED VERBAL AND QUANTITATIVE SECTIONS IS USUALLY REQUIRED;

-THE GMAT IS REQUIRED FOR THOSE IN THE FIELD OF BUSINESS IN LIEU OF THE GRE. A MINIMUM 550 GMAT SCORE IS REQUIRED. TRADITIONAL MBA PROGRAMS THAT REQUIRE THE GMAT ARE: ACCOUNTING, FINANCE (DIFFERENT FROM THE MS IN FINANCE), GENERAL MANAGEMENT, MANAGEMENT INFO SYSTEMS, INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS, ENTREPRENEURSHIP, MARKETING, PRODUCTION/OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT, QUANTITATIVE ANALYSIS AND NON-PROFIT MANAGEMENT.

E. APPLICANTS SHOULD HAVE HIGH MOTIVATION AND A SERIOUS COMMITMENT TO COMPLETING THE PROGRAM AS SCHEDULED AND TO RETURNING HOME.

II. DEGREE OBJECTIVE

AWARDS ARE GRANTED FOR 1 TO 2 YEARS OF STUDY TOWARDS ONE DEGREE ONLY (MASTER'S OR PH.D.), OR FOR PARTICIPATION IN ONE ACADEMIC YEAR (9-10 MONTHS) NON-DEGREE RESEARCH PROGRAM, OR AN ACADEMIC YEAR (9-10 MONTHS) NON-ACADEMIC PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF DEGREE PROGRAMS, APPLICATIONS CAN BE SUBMITTED UNDER ONE OF THESE CATEGORIES:

A. VISITING RESEARCHERS - GRANTEES PURSUE INDEPENDENT RESEARCH UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF A PROFESSOR. THEY DO NOT TAKE CLASSES OR RECEIVE CREDIT, BUT MAY AUDIT CLASSES AT THE DISCRETION OF THE PROFESSOR.

B. NON-DEGREE - GRANTEES TAKE A FULL COURSELOAD AND RECEIVE CREDIT BUT NOT A DEGREE.

C. DOCTORAL CANDIDATES IN LAW ARE USUALLY REQUIRED TO HAVE EARNED THE MASTERS DEGREE FROM A US LAW SCHOOL PRIOR TO ENROLLING IN A US DOCTORAL PROGRAM. EVEN THEN, COMPETITION IN THE FIELD OF LAW IS VERY INTENSE AND US LAW SCHOOLS ACCEPT VERY FEW DOCTORAL CANDIDATES. CANDIDATES IN THIS FIELD SHOULD HAVE EXCELLENT BACKGROUND AND ACADEMIC PREPARATION IN THE FIELD OF LAW AND SHOULD BE PREPARED TO COMPLETE MASTERS LEVEL WORK IN LAW BEFORE PURSUING A PH.D. IN LAW.

III. GRANT BENEFITS

A. A LIST OF BENEFITS WHICH FULLY-FUNDED GRANTEES MAY RECEIVE FOLLOWS. BENEFITS VARY ACCORDING TO EACH GRANTEE'S PROGRAM. EXACT GRANT BENEFITS ARE PROVIDED IN DETAIL IN EACH GRANTEE'S TERMS OF APPOINTMENT (TOA).

1. TRAVEL FROM THE GRANTEE'S HOME TO THE AUTHORIZED U.S. DESTINATION, IN-TRANSIT TRAVEL ALLOWANCE AND EXCESS BAGGAGE ALLOWANCE
2. SETTLING-IN ALLOWANCE UPON ARRIVAL IN THE U.S.
3. SUMMER PRE-ACADEMIC ORIENTATION PROGRAM
4. ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE
5. TUITION AND FEES
6. MONTHLY MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE
7. BOOK ALLOWANCE (SPECIFIC AMOUNT)
8. TRAVEL ALLOWANCE AND AIR FARE FROM THE U.S. TO THE GRANTEE'S HOME AT THE END OF THE FULBRIGHT PROGRAM.

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